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8. The main shopping street in Murmansk is Prospekt Stalina. The shops were not as well stocked as those in Leningrad; prices were approximately the same. Opposite the Rodina movie theater there is a post office. On the floors above the post office there are facilities for reading newspapers such as Polyarnaya Pravda, Izvestiya, and Pravda, and for writing letters.
9. There are brick houses in Murmansk but no stuccoed ones. Most of the buildings along Prospekt Stalina are multi-storied stone structures. Buildings on other streets are wooden structures of various sizes.
10. Murmansk has a small railroad station with only two platforms. The platforms are at least 80 meters long and are constructed of wood. The station building is stuccoed;

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11. The morskoy vokzal (sea transportation passenger station) is a two-story wooden building. There are benches and a ticket window located in the waiting room. Refreshments are served here.
12. The Fatherland movie theater is located on Leningradskaya Ulitsa.¹ Performances begin at 1100 hours and tickets cost three to six rubles. The Arktika Restaurant is also located on Komsomolskaya Ulitsa.¹ There is a restaurant not far from Pionerskaya Ulitsa. There is a tea room on Prospekt Stalina.
13. There is a post office located on Komsomolskaya Ulitsa. Murmansk has a House of Culture for workers in the fishing industry. It is in a large stone building.
14. The civilian population in Murmansk looks much the same as the inhabitants in other parts of the USSR. In the winter, men wear heavy overcoats, the women wear warm shawls, and most of the inhabitants wear felt boots (valenki).
15. The main streets in Murmansk, such as Stalina Ulitsa and Leningradskaya Ulitsa,¹ were shoveled clear of snow. Modern snow-clearing machines were used, which sucked the snow up through a pipe and then blew it into a truck. There was some vehicular traffic in the streets, including buses, trucks, and some private cars. There were some military personnel on the streets but they did not dominate the scene. Servicemen seen on the streets of Murmansk included infantry troops and members of the Soviet Navy. The latter had the Russian letters СФ (SF) on their shoulder boards, indicating that they belonged to the Northern Fleet. Some air officers and personnel from the border guards could also be seen.
16. Murmansk has a four-page newspaper, Polyarnaya Pravda, which sells for 20 kopeks. Besides official announcements and foreign news, which always appear on page four, the newspaper publishes many articles on fisheries. In addition, it contains numerous help-wanted advertisements.
17. See sketch of Murmansk on the following page.

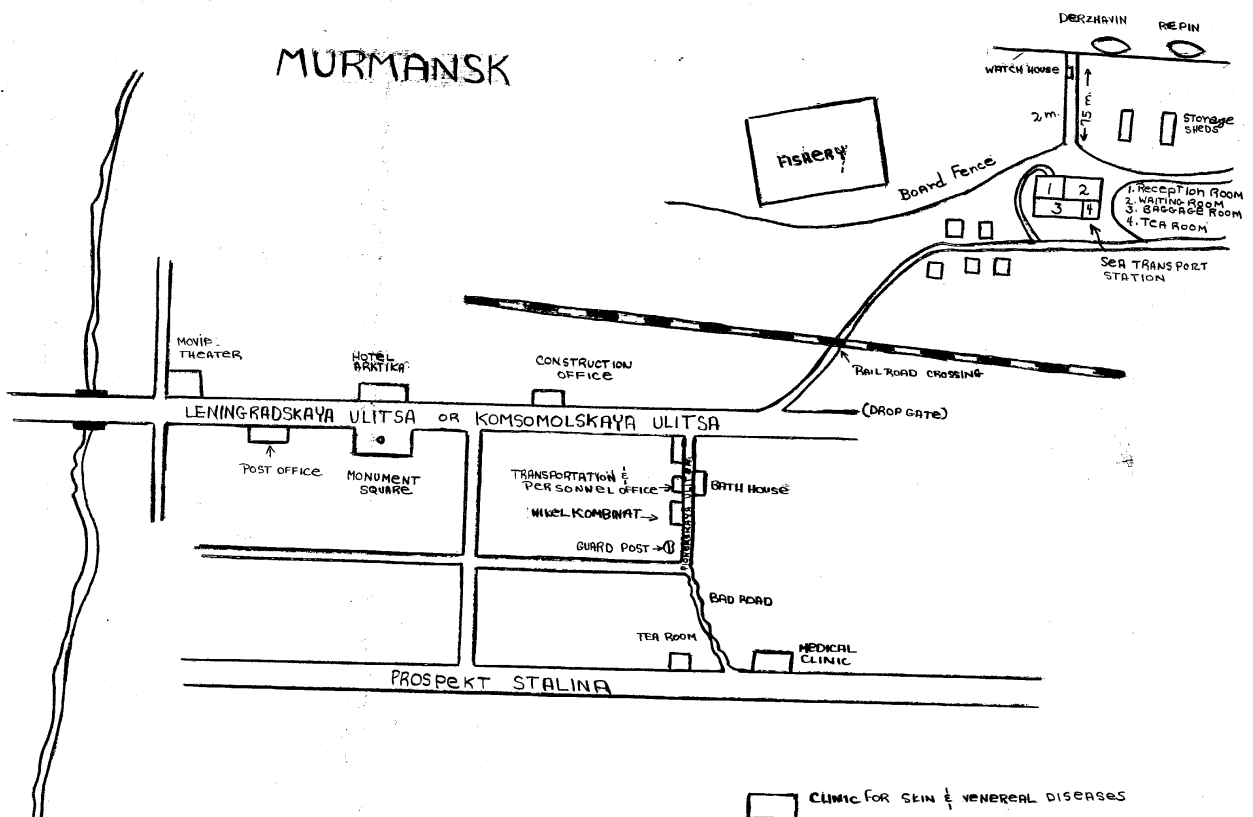
1. Comment. Apparently Leningradskaya and Komsomolskaya are the same street. Both names are used interchangeably. Possibly one is an old name and one a new name.

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